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Iowa Board of Medicine to hold public meeting in Council Bluffs

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa Board of Medicine will hold a public meeting on Thursday, July 26, in Council Bluffs as a part of the Board's continuing efforts to inform Iowans about this state agency's work, goals and objectives in the licensure and regulation of physicians. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. in the Mid-America Center, 1 Arena Way.

In addition to encouraging the public to attend, the Board is inviting southwest Iowa legislators, local government officials, hospital administrators, and health care professionals to this event to meet the 10-member Board and to learn more about regulatory issues. The public session is a part of a scheduled two-day working meeting of the Board, July 26-27. An agenda for the public session will be posted on the Board's website, www.medicalboard.iowa.gov, by July 21.

The Board holds seven two-day meetings annually and each of these meetings includes a public session usually lasting about an hour. Attendees are afforded an opportunity to comment on agenda items and issues before the Board.

In 2011, when the Board celebrated its 125th anniversary at a special meeting in Old Capitol at Iowa City, it was determined to hold at least one public meeting a year outside of Des Moines to raise the public's awareness of the Board's important work to protect the health of Iowans.

Members of the Board are Colleen Stockdale, M.D., West Burlington, chair; Jeffrey Snyder, M.D., Crescent, vice chair; Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Iowa City, secretary; Greg Hoversten, D.O., Sioux City; Julie Perkins, M.D., Carroll; Michael Thompson, D.O., Pella; Joyce Vista-Wayne, M.D., Ottumwa; Frank Bognanno, Des Moines; Diane Clark, Lake Mills; and Ann Gales, Bode.

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